AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 25, line 33 - page 26, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The scheduler accepts as input a prioritized list of program viewing preferences 603, possibly generated as per the cases above. The scheduling method ~~601~~ then compares this list with the database of program guide objects ~~604~~, which indicate when programs of interest are actually broadcast. It then generates a schedule of time ~~607~~ versus available storage space ~~606~~ <u>601</u> that is optimal for the viewer's explicit or derived preferred programs. Further details on these methods are given later in this description.